Scheme for crops production and input management in Goa

2734. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for crops production and input management is in force in Goa;

(b) the details of essential features of the scheme;

(c) the details of projects undertaken/implemented under the scheme during the last five years in the State; and

(d) the details of financial assistance granted to the State during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A number of Schemes are being implemented for enhancement of agricultural production and productivity in the State of Goa . The salient feafures/objectives of the major schemes are given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The details of allocation of funds and releases made under the said schemes during the last five years to the State Government of Goa are given in the Statement-II.

Statement

Salient features of the major schemes under implementation in the State of Goa :

I. Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme.

- Provide flexibility to the States to develop and pursue the activities on the basis of their regional priorities, and finalize their sector-wise allocation as per requirements of their development priorities;
- Achieve decentralization in pursuance of restoring primacy of States in agricultural development planning; and
- Encourage the States to adopt new initiatives for agriculture development under the Scheme subject to the prescribed criteria.

II. Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM)

- Increase the production and productivity of oilseeds, pulses, oilpalm and maize in the country so as to achieve self-suffciency in these crops.

- Provide focused approach to the programme implementation based on regionally differentiated approach.
- Provide flexibility to the States to utilize the funds under the scheme/ crop of their choice.

III. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)

* Provide holistic grant of horticulture sector by adoption of area based regionally differentiated strategies which include technology promotion, extension, post harvest management, processing and marketing, in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/ region and its diverse agro-climatic feature;
- Enhance horticulture production improve nutritional security and income support to farm households;
* Establish convergence and synergy among multiple on-going and planned programs for horticulture development;
* Promote, develop and disseminate technologies, through a seamless blend of traditional wisdom and modern scientific knowledge; and
* Create opportunities for employment generation for skilled and unskilled persons, especially unemployed youth.

IV.Micro Irrigation

* Provide Micro irrigation technology for enhancing water use efficiency;
* Enhance productivity of crop, improve nutritional security and enhance the income level of small and marginal farmers with the driving motto of "More crop per drop of water";
* Provide appropriate mechniasm and facilities for extending the technical support to micro irrigation; and
* Adopt system for application of fertilizer and pesticides.

V. Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms

* Provide decentralized and demand driven extension services to farmers through active involvement of farmers and other stakeholders;
* Provide national level training support for senior and middle level functionaries engaged in extension activities; and
* Ensure that the policies in agriculture reflect national commitment to empowerment of women through strategy of main streaming and strategy of agenda setting.

Statement-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2734. TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH APRIL 2007

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Allocation	Released	Allocation	Released	Allocation	Released	Allocation	Released	Allocation	Released
1	Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme (MMA)	200.00	162.20	200.00	131.04	283.53	283.53	350.00	332.59	496.50	385.77
2	Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP)	10.00	2.50	10.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, pulses, oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM)*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00	33.00	16.50	33.00	0.00
6	National Horticulture Mission #	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	788.06	315.20	335.00	200.00
7	Micro Irrigation #	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.27	12.13
8	Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms #	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00

* Four erstwhile scheme of OPP, OPDP, NPDP & AMDP were merged in ISOPOM *wef* 2004-05

Note: # The Scheme are being implemented *w.e.f.* 2005-06.